

\*\*\*\*\*August 13, 2012\*\*\*\*\*

The Signal Mountain Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 13, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Mayor Bill Lusk  
Councilmember Annette Allen  
Councilmember Dick Gee  
Councilmember Bill Wallace

Also present were: Town Manager Honna Rogers  
Town Recorder Carol White  
See attached list for others present

Mayor Lusk led the pledge of allegiance. Stacey Seals, Fire Chaplain, gave the invocation. The roll was called.

### **Minutes**

The minutes for the July 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, July 25<sup>th</sup> agenda session, and July 30<sup>th</sup> special agenda meeting were presented. With only one minor punctuation correction on the July 9<sup>th</sup> minutes, all three sets of minutes were approved.

### **Beer Board**

The regular meeting was temporarily suspended and the Council convened as the Beer Board.

Michael Clemons was present on behalf of CVS Pharmacy to request a take-out off-premises beer permit. Police Chief Veal stated that a successful background check had been performed and the company had met all other requirements. Mayor Lusk moved and Councilmember Gee seconded to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

### **Citizen Comments**

Mayor Lusk invited comments from the audience.

Jeff Seay, Signal Road, spoke first and submitted a petition (attached) from local residents who oppose the use of Norris Field for "organized sports practices and/or games."

Other residents who spoke at the podium were: Jeff Seay, Signal Road; Dun Monroe, Cherokee Blvd; Austin Cone, Signal Road; Victoria Wicks, Signal Road; Tom Wicks, Signal Road; Anissa Wagner, Ridgeway Ave; and Joshua Wicks, Signal Road. The neighbors were opposed to the use of the field by elementary school-aged children. They cited increased traffic, limited parking availability, and the inconvenience of neighborhood residents wishing to use the park as reasons for their opposition.

Coach Dave Wagner explained that one flag-football team consisting of approximately 9 players at a time for three nights a week from 5 to 8 p.m. needed to use the field with occasional Saturday practices.

Steve Jacoway, representing the Recreation Board, explained that there was a need for more space for organized recreation activities in the Town. He said that the Recreation Board felt that the 3-1/2 acres at Norris Field was substantially large enough to accommodate other uses while the practices were occurring.

Mayor Lusk suggested that the Council, the Recreation Board and the residents around Norris Field should meet on a Saturday at the Field to discuss options. He expressed that he is a proponent of making Town property available for the use of all residents.

Councilmember Gee stated that the Council should look toward future needs of the Recreation program and plan accordingly. He inquired as to the possibility of finding another field for a long-term solution.

Councilmember Allen said that she felt comfortable with the parameters the Recreation Board set for the use of Norris Field. She felt that they were a reasonable compromise, inclusive, and allowed all parties to share in the use of the field. She also wondered how to accommodate the continued growth of the youth population in the Town.

Councilmember Wallace also expressed the need to look for a long-term solution. However, in the short-term and medium-term, he felt the town should be able to provide for all the kids on Signal Mountain since that is the challenge facing the Council right now. The alternative would be to start cutting the programs for kids because we don't have the space. He too felt that there was sufficient space in the 3-1/2 acre park for 9 children to practice flag football. He said that this would be no different than 9 neighborhood children out running around on the field.

Mayor Lusk agreed with what the other Council members said. He suggested that the Council re-visit the issue in a few months. Mayor Lusk went on to say that he had been informed that organized play had gone on at Norris Field back to 1943.

Ms. Rogers informed the Council that she would monitor the situation at Norris Field.

Rusha Cleveland, Signal Mountain Boulevard, stated that she was thrilled with the new water line and said it was a joy to have water available anytime she needed it. She expressed special thanks to Hershel Dick, William Sanders, and Pat Pixler.



The Mayor thanked all present for their comments and participation.

### **Resolutions**

The following resolutions were presented:

1. "A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACTIONS BY THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CHANGE ORDER WITH PHALTLESS, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL PAVEMENT REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THREE AND 27/100 DOLLARS (\$19,103.27) DURING JUNE 2012 AND THE TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS WITH PHALTLESS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED NINETY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY FIVE AND 42/100 DOLLARS (\$291,695.42) IS APPROVED."

The Mayor explained that this was a resolution to amend the paving contract for Primrose Way. Ms. Rogers explained that this resolution was needed to ratify the lack of the usual contingency allowance in the original resolution.

Councilmember Gee moved and Councilmember Allen seconded that the resolution be approved. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) FORD F-550 FROM COUNTRY FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT AND 84/100 (\$50,768.84) DOLLARS TO BE USED BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

Ms. Rogers explained that this vehicle was originally budgeted for fiscal year 2011-2012, but no bids had been received during the first sealed bid process in June; therefore, the bidding process had carried over into this fiscal year.

Mayor Lusk moved and Councilmember Gee seconded that the resolution be approved.

The motion passed unanimously.


3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) UTILITY TRACTOR FROM TAG EQUIPMENT OF CHATTANOOGA IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND THREE AND 00/100 (\$15,503.00) DOLLARS TO BE USED BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

Jarred Thompson, Recreation Director, explained that this bid was \$5,000.00 under the budgeted amount.

Councilmember Gee moved and Councilmember Allen seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rogers announced that the next work session is scheduled for September 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Recorder  
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Bill Lusk Mayor